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<u>AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116</u>

SIR:

Entry of the present amendment and reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 28, 2008.

A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action accompanies this amendment.